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# EDDIE EDUCATES HIS SLICKERS

SYDNEY CITY ..... 2  
SYDNEY CROATIA ..... 0

GO to the top of the form Professor Eddie Thomson and your class of 1985 Sydney Slickers!

The performance of Thomson's Slickers when they downed Sydney Croatia 2-0 at the Sydney Athletic Field yesterday was one of the most educated club displays of the year.

The old pro Thomson weighed up the situation and his pre-match lesson to his students was perfection to the letter.

And when it came to carrying out Thomson's doctrine, every one of his players graduated with honours.

Sliders controlled the action from the start and slowed down the play to their liking.

It was a performance in the same vein as that of the Socceroos when they downed Vasco da Gama in the international series at the MCG.

Mind you, it's little wonder, as Eddie is the Socceroo assistant coach and five of his Sliders team were in the Socceroo squad.

By slowing the game down at the back and cutting out the Croatia front-runners, Croatia's usual all-action play was stifled.

Player-coach Vedran Rozic had nowhere to hit his usual

long pass.

But probably the most enlightening aspect of it all was that Croatia did not change their pattern of play to counteract the superb Sliders tactics.

The opening 15 minutes of the game, however, did belong to Croatia and they gave the Sliders a terrible fright when Emil Dragicevic rattled the woodwork in the sixth minute.

But when Jean-Paul de Marigny opened the scoring with a snapshot in the 18th minute, Sliders turned on the style.

The issue was put beyond any doubt when John Kosmina scored with a brilliant header four minutes from the end.

This was a match

BY TOM ANDERSON

where the Sliders were put to the test and they passed it with honours.

All in all, it was a great game with some excellent football and one that certainly has set the competition alight.

**Man of the match:** for my money there were two — **ALEX ROBERTSON** and **STEVE O'CONNOR**, who played so well at the back by holding the ball and retaining possession before opening up the Croatia defence with accurate passes.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Pezzano, Rodrigues, O'Connor, Robertson, Cant; Watson, Gomez, de Marigny; Lee, Kosmina, Fletcher.

**SYDNEY CROATIA:** Woodhouse; M. Kovacic, Rozic, Vidalic, Basic (Clinch 45); Savor (Caleta 74), Rezo, Odzakovic, Patikas, Arnold, Dragicevic.

**REFEREE:** T. Davies.

**CROWD:** 8,420.



SYDNEY CITY coach Eddie Thomson

## MANCHESTER CITY WANT PROVAN

BY FRANK COLETTA

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's dynamic Scottish import Davie Provan of Celtic may not be turning out in the green and white hoops of the legendary Glasgow side this forthcoming UK season.

Provan's ex-Celtic manager and the man who took Provan to Parkhead initially, Billy McNeill, is eagerly seeking the wing wizard's signature for newly-promoted English First Division side, Manchester City.

"I have heard nothing official yet, although I do know of a rumour circulating in the Scottish press about it all, but it must be remembered also that I am still under contract with Celtic for next season," claimed Provan last night after a dazzling display against Blacktown City.

This news follows hot on the heels of the signing by St Mirren of another classy Celtic forward, former Liverpool player Frank McGarvey.

This could leave the Scottish Cup holders with depleted striking stocks for the upcoming season.

The Scottish Cup win over Dundee United was in no small way made possible by both McGarvey and Provan, the latter scor-

ing with a brilliant curling free-kick in the 2-1 triumph.

Capped 12 times for Scotland, Provan has proven a revelation for

the Olympic side and one shudders to think what may happen when he departs in two weeks time.

But for the mean-

time, Australian soccer fans should treasure the brilliant skill and class Provan is displaying on the field.



DAVIE PROVAN celebrates a goal for Sydney Olympic in their victory over Blacktown yesterday with Olympic team-mate Stuart Johnston.

IT is with regret that I must announce that my employment as editor of ASW has been terminated.

I sincerely thank all readers of this paper for their support this year.

— BRAD EARL



# SCOREBOARD

## NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 15:

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 3 (Power, McQuarrie, Stewart) ST GEORGE 4 (Morgan 3, Slater) at Adams-town Oval. Crowd: 800.  
PENRITH CITY 0 APIA LEICHARDT 1 (Bertogna) at Cook Park. Crowd: 432.  
INTER MONARO 1 (Carbone) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Bundalo) at National Sports Centre. Crowd: 650.  
MARCONI 4 (Brown 2, Lowe, Jankovics) CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 1 (Gibson) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,147.  
SYDNEY CITY 2 (de Marigny, Kosmina) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 8,420.  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Provan 2, Kalantzis) BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Larkin, McKie) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 4,576.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	14	9	3	2	32	15	21
Sydney City	13	9	2	2	27	13	20
Marconi	13	7	4	2	28	17	18
Blacktown City	15	6	3	6	24	18	15
Sydney Olympic	14	7	1	6	16	18	15
St George	13	4	4	5	15	15	12
Canberra City	14	4	4	6	20	24	12
Inter Monaro	15	5	2	8	20	30	12
Penrith City	14	3	5	6	17	19	11
Apia Leichhardt	13	5	1	7	16	19	11
Newcastle Rosebud	14	3	4	7	16	27	10
Wollongong City	14	3	3	8	18	33	9

## NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 15:

GREEN GULLY 2 (Lucchesi, Lewis) ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Maxwell 2, Northcote) at Green Gully. Crowd: 150.  
WEST ADELAIDE 0 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Faulkner) at Hindmarsh. Crowd: 1,500.  
MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 FOOTSCRAY 1 (Bonacic) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2,000.  
SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Egan) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Lewis, Petersen, Sweeney) at Middle Park. Crowd: 6,000.  
PRESTON 4 (Spink 2, Smith, Lane) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 750.  
BRISBANE CITY 0 HEIDELBERG UNITED 3 (Stevenson 2, Tsolakis) at Carrara, Gold Coast. Crowd: 1,503.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick Juve	15	9	4	2	25	13	22
South Melbourne	15	9	3	3	26	17	21
Heidelberg Utd	15	7	4	4	24	14	18
Melbourne Croatia	15	7	4	4	16	10	18
Sunshine GC	15	5	6	4	15	13	16
Adelaide City	15	5	4	6	24	25	14
Preston	15	6	2	7	21	22	14
Brisbane Lions	14	5	3	6	13	18	14
West Adelaide	15	5	3	7	20	24	13
Brisbane City	14	5	2	7	19	25	12
Green Gully	15	3	4	8	14	21	10
Footscray	15	3	1	11	14	29	7

## NSL TOP SCORERS

### NORTHERN DIVISION

11 — Arnold (S. Cro)  
10 — Patikas (S. Cro)  
9 — Jankovics (M)  
7 — Brown (M)  
6 — O'Connor (BC), McKie (BC), Farina (S. City)



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## SOUTHERN DIVISION

12 — Egan (SM)  
10 — Stevenson (H)  
9 — Price (WA)  
8 — Sweeney (BJ) Latif (SGC)  
7 — Smith (P)

## NSW STATE LEAGUE

### TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Rockdale Ilinden v Polonia	7-1	6-0	1-1
Cant M'ville v Warringah N'been	7-0	0-2	3-1
Fairy Meadow v Bankstown Nat.	2-1	6-0	3-2
Manly W'gah v Uruguay Auburn	0-0	1-3	2-0
Ku-ring-gai v Avala	2-1	3-1	1-1
Sutherland v Parramatta Melita	3-0	0-0	2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fairy Meadow	10	7	2	1	15	6	16
Ku-ring-gai	11	6	4	1	16	8	16
Parramatta Melita	11	6	3	2	21	11	15
Canterbury-M'ville	11	5	3	3	27	16	13
Avala	11	4	5	2	16	9	13
Sutherland	9	5	2	2	20	8	12
Rockdale Ilinden	10	3	5	2	17	11	11
Manly Warringah	9	3	4	2	11	9	10
Uruguay Auburn	9	1	4	4	6	12	6
Warringah N'been	9	1	2	6	3	22	4
Bankstown National	9	0	1	8	2	20	1
Polonia	9	0	1	8	6	28	1

### STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Queens Park v Bathurst '75	1-0	2-2	3-0
Penrith Utd v Artarmon	0-5	1-3	4-0
Cant & Dist v Nth Bankstown	0-1	1-4	0-4
Campbelltown C v SSC Yugal	0-2	5-1	0-1
Gladesville Hby v Blacktown Utd	1-0	3-2	1-2
Cant & Dist v Dee Why	2-0	2-3	3-0
Nth Bankstown v Wollongong Mac	1-2	5-2	2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W'gong Macedonia	9	8	1	0	19	5	16
Gladesville Hby	8	5	1	2	11	8	11
Blacktown United	8	5	0	3	17	8	10
Queens Park	6	4	1	1	12	4	9
North Bankstown	9	4	1	4	12	7	9
Yugal	9	3	3	3	18	12	9
Artarmon	7	3	2	2	14	9	8
Campbelltown City	7	4	0	3	10	7	8
Bathurst '75	8	2	3	3	15	12	7
Dee Why	8	1	1	6	4	19	3
Canterbury & Dist	8	1	1	6	5	26	3
Penrith United	7	0	2	5	5	25	2

### STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Bondi Marine v Baulkham Hills	0-1	3-2	0-3
Moorebank L v Uni of NSW	2-1	5-2	Uni-for
King Tomislav v Port Hacking	3-1	1-1	0-1
Rooty Hill v Campbelltown D	0-0	2-0	1-1
Granville Dist v Mt Druitt	0-0	3-2	5-1
Kingsford v North Ryde RSL	4-1	0-0	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsford	9	4	5	0	21	12	13
North Ryde	9	6	0	3	17	9	12
King Tomislav	9	4	3	2	14	10	11
Baulkham Hills	10	4	3	3	9	12	11
Bondi Marine	8	3	4	1	14	9	10
Rooty Hill	9	3	2	4	19	11	8
C'belltown Gunners	9	2	4	3	12	13	8
Granville District	9	2	3</td				

# PROVAN PURE MAGIC

SYDNEY OLYMPIC ..... 3

BLACKTOWN CITY ..... 2

IN a battle royale at Pratten Park yesterday, Sydney Olympic, riding high on the crest of a Davie Provan wave, swept aside an inexperienced and at times lackadaisical Blacktown City 3-2.

Blacktown gave the impression early that they would run away with the match.

As early as the first minute the first goal was posted when a hopeful Steve Knight cross caused a diabolical mix-up between Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier and defender Alex Lampropoulos, resulting in John McKie sliding the ball in.

Blacktown continued to pile on the pressure, mounting attack after attack and finally it paid off when in the 23rd minute a surging Martin Bourke run enabled McKie to take the ball into the penalty area. He was challenged and the ball ran loose into the path of the oncoming John Larkin who beat Meier.

Blacktown coach Casey De Bruin later claimed these goals probably were the cause of his sides loss: "We got our goals much too early it seemed. We exploited their poor defence early but simply couldn't go on with it."

His Olympic opposite Manfred Schaefer then pulled off Simon Ogun and replaced him with Arthur Svinos, a radical move that was to prove a masterstroke in the end.

Provan seemed to be sparked into action by his team-mates' careless attitudes. He was brilliant, continually making breaks left, right and centre and leaving his markers floundering.

The livewire Scot proceeded to stamp his undoubted class

on the match from here on in.

Nine minutes before the half-time break, Youth international Chris Kalantzis made a fine diagonal run across the area. He then slipped an incisive pass to Provan on the penalty spot.

With his back to goal, Provan dummyed one way, magically turned and threw off the challenge of the defender and then planted a superb drive into the net that left Barry Hoare grasping thin air.

Kalantzis combined well with Provan throughout. His good form had him making numerous scoring opportunities for his team-mates but in the 56th minute he latched on to a precision free-kick from Provan to

head home and make the scores level.

Eight minutes further on, Provan produced the sort of magic that is only reserved for players in the class of Pele.

Seemingly trapped on the right wing, he proceeded to dance past four desperate tackles and drill his shot past Hoare for the winner — a goal of the year in anyone's language.

Later Provan modestly attempted to play down the brilliance of his effort: "It is nice to score any sort of goal against any opposition but I did enjoy that one."

Blacktown launched relentless attacks at the Olympic goal in the final 20 minutes, one attack resulting in a "goal" to Phil O'Connor that referee Ken

Small initially awarded but then disallowed.

cheekbone. The mood in the Demon's dressing room afterwards was not a happy one with some of the refereeing decisions thought contentious to say the least.

**Man of the match:** the final word from **DAVIE PROVAN** after his masterful exhibition: "I came to perform, this is what

was primarily wanted of me but to do so and get the goals also is an added bonus. I couldn't be happier at the club."

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier, Rogers (Hanotis 45), Jennings, Patalis, Lampropoulos, Johnston, Raskopoulos, Soper, Ogun (Svinos 28), Provan, Kalantzis.

**BLACKTOWN CITY:** Hoare, Skellern (Bottalico 81), Bourke, Selvage, Polster, Daley, Knight (Thornthwaite 54), McKie, Bradley, Larkin, O'Connor.

REFEREE: K. Small.

CROWD: 4,576.



DAVIE PROVAN

## EARLY GOAL LIFTS APIA

PENRITH CITY ..... 0 APIA LEICHARDT ..... 1

APIA LEICHARDT scrambled away from the bottom reaches of the Northern Division with a 1-0 win over Penrith City at Cook Park yesterday.

It took Apia only 90 seconds to take the lead when Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson spilled a Jimmy Hamilton corner and Arno Bertogna shot the ball home.

Then it was up to Penrith to try and come back, but they rarely troubled the Apia back-line well led by Bertogna.

In fact Penrith didn't get a shot on target until the 65th minute when Peter Brogan came forward from full-back to hit a shot which was held low by Apia keeper Bob Catlin.

Brogan was standing in as captain for Mickey Cross, who was suspended.

Penrith's defensive resources have been stretched to the limit by the absence of key defenders Cross and Jeff Ainsworth.

Penrith coach Willie Wallace was forced to shift Bobby Hebb from midfield to sweeper and bring usual striker Ian Hunter into midfield.

Two changes in the Apia make-up had greater effect.

After being switched to right striker last week, Terry Butler was back in his dominant role in the

centre of the midfield.

The Apia captain was ably assisted in midfield by Scots Hamilton and Tommy Steven, but their industry was not capitalised on by their strikers.

Steven made a very good debut for Apia after joining them on a free transfer from Manly in midweek.

He began the game in the central striking position, but was moved back to midfield when Bobby de Ceglie went off injured midway through the first half.

Penrith lost midfielder Brian Jackson with a back injury 12 minutes after half-time and he was replaced by young Dave Carboni.

**Man of the match:** TERRY BUTLER called all the shots from the centre of the park for Apia.

**PENRITH:** Gibson; Brogan, Toohey, Hebb, Campbell; Hunter, Wotherspoon, Jackson (Carboni 57); Easthorpe, P. Jones, Licata.

**APIA:** Catlin; Casacchia, Brown, Mariani, Bertogna; Hamilton, Butler, de Ceglie (Genovese 29); Caban, Steven, Morsello.

REFEREE: T. Pollard.

CROWD: 432.



ABOVE: TERRY BUTLER of Apia Leichhardt and Bobby Hebb of Penrith City contest the ball. Apia defeated Penrith 1-0 at Cook Park yesterday.



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# BRUNSWICK SHOOT TO THE TOP

BRUNSWICK JUVENIUS emerged winners of the local derby against South Mel-

bourne at Middle Park.

John Margaritis' well-drilled side recorded a convincing 3-1 win over their ri-

vals and are safely perched in top spot of the Southern Division.

Juventus won the game with tremendous ease, exploiting

fully the weakness of their opposition's midfield due to the absence of mastermind Oscar Crino.

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

South Melbourne's committee offered coach Len McKendry the option of using Vasco da Gama midfielder Giovanni for the game, but McKendry opted for young Vladko Bozinowski.

Brunswick Juventus went to the lead after 39 minutes when full-back Peter Lewis smashed in a 35 metre shot.

Juventus' lead was very short-lived because, within a minute, Charlie Egan netted the equaliser for the sides to be deadlocked 1-1 at half-time.

Juventus regained the lead in the 71st minute with a superb goal by Mike Petersen from set-play.

South Melbourne began struggling after the second goal because captain John Yzendoorn left the field injured and in the 77th minute centre-half Steve Blair was sent off by referee Chris Bambridge for fouling Juventus winner Robert Cullen.

Seven minutes later Joe Sweeney beat the offside trap to produce the final scoreline.

Meantime, Footscray produced the upset result of the 15th round, by defeating superior Melbourne Croatia 1-0 at Olympic Park.

Newcomer Luka Bonacic netted the winning goal from a free-kick to give Footscray a much-needed win in their effort to stave off relegation.

Bonacic was later sent off by referee Jim Fearn together with Croatia's midfielder Robert Deankovic, following a clash.

While Footscray were celebrating their morale-boosting win, Green Gully were pondering their future in this year's championship, after going down at home 3-2 to Adelaide City.

A controversial goal by Steve Maxwell gave Adelaide City the two points, after converting a two-goal deficit to a three-goal advantage.

Green Gully were leading 2-0 until the 50th minute with goals by Claude Lucchesi and Paul Lewis, who broke weeks of goal drought.

Adelaide City, however, refused to surrender and levelled the scores with goals by Steve Maxwell and Brian Northcote, until the 84th minute when Maxwell netted the winner from an alleged offside position.

At Connor Reserve, Preston celebrated a much-awaited 4-0 win over Brisbane Lions.

After weeks of

mediocre performances and disappointing results that caused the side to slip out of the top five, Preston earned two championship points and showed encouraging signs of recovery.

Warren Spink netted twice while the other goals came from Steve Smith and Sean Lane, from the penalty spot.

Brisbane Lions were reduced to 10 men after referee Denis Voutsinas sent off Steve Jackson for alleged dissent.

TOM MCKAIN REPORTS from Hindmarsh Stadium that goalkeeper Lou Kastner defied West Adel-

sider and Jeff Faulkner did the damage to give George Cross two vital points in the battle for a top five spot with a 1-0 victory.

West, as usual, exerted tremendous pressure but could not turn it into goals.

And when they were on target Kastner was there — when he stopped a low shot from Mike Genikas following a corner, a tip over the bar from a pass-back header by teammate Tyrone James, then a burning shot on the turn by George Konstandopoulos which was also guided over the bar.

Midfielder Steve Atsalas then tested

the Cross keeper but again Kastner was equal to the task.

Faulkner got the winner in the 74th minute when he collected a rebound off home defender Tim Brown to beat goalkeeper Alister Crook, standing in for Martyn Crook, who was a flu victim.

At the other end of the field, there was a "certainty" hit off the line by Atsalas.

In a desperate move, West coach Neil McGachey sent captain and sweeper Graham Honeyman into the attack for a final onslaught but Cross held firm and were content to play possession soccer to go home with two deserved points.

# MARCONI IN MEAN MOOD

MARCONI ..... 4 CANBERRA CITY ..... 1

MARCONI showed they are ready to put the pressure on the leaders as they dismembered Canberra City with a 4-1 win at Marconi Stadium.

All four goals were quality personified, but none came better than Mark Jankovics', which arrived in the 64th minute and took his team to an unstoppable 3-1 advantage.

Rod Brown, who was in devastating form for most of the match, sent over a head-high cross from the right wing and Janko came charging in.

Canberra keeper Anthony Franken was drawn across to cover the forthcoming header, and then he was completely bamboozled.

Jankovics twisted his body in mid-air to direct the header to Franken's right as he prepared to cover a ball that logically could be expected to arrive to his right.

All the other Marconi goals had a touch of class. Brown's first came from a left-footer that was well weighed to drop in at an awkward knee-height.

That was in the sixth minute and 10 minutes later David Lowe exposed the Canberra defence with another great shot.

His free-kick was taken from outside the penalty box on the left and he squeezed the ball in between Franken and the near post.

There was a strange situation for the fourth in the 74th minute. Just about everyone had a go and finally when it seemed that Franken had covered everything Brown tucked the ball away.

Marconi's great first half was succeeded by a poor patch, during which time Manis Lamond revealed some difficulties in covering him at the back.

Canberra's goal came in the 47th minute. Hilton Phillips sent over a towering cross. It swung in the air and Alex McPherson at first thought that it had gone over the goal-line.

He allowed afterwards that it had not, and Lamond was on hand to push the ball to Ian Gibson for a scoring shot.

Canberra coach Roy Thompson admitted that he could not see much joy on the day.

Marconi's only deficit was the knock that Tony Henderson took, which could leave him struggling for Wednesday's game in Newcastle.

Man of the match: six Marconi players under normal circum-

ances could have qualified, but for sheer inspiration my pick is ROD BROWN.

MARCONI: McPherson, Carter, Rizzotto, Henderson (Sharne 66), Sterrey, Mason, Gray, Tredinnick, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics.

CANBERRA: Franken, Ontong (Dunn 80), Jones, Harkins, Bourke, Byrne, Sermani, Bryant, Phillips, Lamond (English 70), Gibson.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 1,147.



## CITY PAY PENALTY FOR MISS

BRISBANE CITY ..... 0 HEIDELBERG ..... 3

BRISBANE CITY's inability to put away a penalty after two attempts cost them any chance of gaining points against Heidelberg on the Gold Coast.

City were trailing 1-0 to a Stewart Stevenson 17th minute goal when referee David Nugent ruled Socceroo sweeper Charlie Yankos hand-balled a Glenn Archer cross in the penalty area, 13 minutes into the second half.

In-form striker Garry Bromfield was entrusted with the kick but swung his attempt wide.

But Nugent standing on the goal-line quickly ended Heidelberg's joy when he ruled keeper Jeff Olver had moved and ordered the kick to be retaken.

The experienced Bobby Hamilton was given City's second attempt and he hit a nicely-placed left foot shot to the bottom corner. But Olver was at his brilliant best and leapt across to grab the ball with both hands.

The double miss shattered Brisbane City's hopes of a comeback and within three minutes Heidelberg edged further ahead.

Theo Selemidis, who had a commanding game as an attacking midfielder, beat two on the right before playing a delicate cross to Stevenson, who had troubled City for the entire match.

Stevenson touched the ball to the far post but saw his attempt spectacularly saved with one hand by City keeper Kim Wishart.

The ball, though, bobbed out and there waiting for the scraps was young winger Peter Tsolakis, who drove it into the net to cap a remarkable NSL debut.

Tsolakis, a Heidelberg youth team product, was thrown into the team as an experiment by coach Brian Garvey, and, despite his diminutive build, looks set for a promising future.

It was Tsolakis who set up

BY GREG RUSSELL

Stevenson for his first goal, so it was just that Stevenson should have paid back the favour for Tsolakis to score on his debut.

But Stevenson did it on his own for Heidelberg's third in the dying seconds when he was presented with a clear-cut opportunity in front of goal, and, although stumbling several times, he finally found his feet and drove the ball into the net.

A disappointed City coach Jim Hermiston called the performance his team's worst since he took over more than two months ago.

Hermiston — who said: "I have now found out a few things about several players which I previously did not realise" — has threatened several changes before next week.

While the game was a disaster for City, and their second 3-0 loss in as many weeks, it underlined that Heidelberg are beginning to find form and certainly loom as a danger in the Southern Division.

The match was also a promotional success for the Gold Coast and Albert Soccer Federation, who now hope to work towards entering their own team into the National League within five years.

A crowd of 2,503 watched the match, which was played on the bowling green-like surface of Carrara Sports Centre, in the shadow of the new Jupiter's Casino.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Archer, Mengotti, Milovanovic, Wilkinson, Hamilton, Plimblett, Bromfield, Scriggins (Lettieri 84), Carey (Junna 68) Fabrizio.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Angele, Yankos, Marley, Christopoulos, Selemidis, Metaxas (Deligiannis 84), Tasios (Gebrielson 66), Stevenson, Tsolakis.

REFEREE: D. Nugent.

CROWD: 2,503.

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# EDDIE STAYS IN BELGIUM, BUT MITCH IS COMING HOME

**T**HIS is a tale of two dynamic Australian strikers and the paths that led them to glory in Europe and then veered off in completely different directions.

In the beginning, the footballing careers of Eddie Krncevic and David Mitchell went together like fish and chips or ham and eggs.

Both these brilliant players broke through as Youth internationals and then proceeded up the scale to become fully-fledged Socceroos.

They proved their worth in the NSL with leading clubs Marconi and Sydney City respectively and here indeed were two young thoroughbreds who looked

BY TOM ANDERSON

destined to wear the Green and Gold of Australia for years to come.

Then the call of Europe and top-line professionalism beckoned and Krncevic and Mitchell headed for soccer's promised land.

Eddie went off to Yugoslavia then West Germany before ending up in his present domicile of Belgium.

Mitch, on the other hand, headed for the highlands and joined the famous Glasgow Rangers before pulling up stakes and making Hong Kong his present, but temporary, HQ.

And, during the talented twosome's overseas travels, it was always imagined they would return later this year to help the Socceroos' quest to win through to next year's World Cup Finals.

This is where their paths have veered

off in opposite directions . . . Mitchell will return but Krncevic won't.

Eddie will remain in Europe to play for his Belgian club, Cercle Bruges, and Mitch will head back to Australia at the end of next month to join Frank Arok's national squad.

Eddie arrived home in Melbourne at the weekend for a four-week break with his mother and father.

He is expected to make a few guest appearances with Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia.

I spoke to him by telephone before he left Belgium and he explained to me the reasons why he will not be in our World Cup squad nor signing for Sydney Croatia, as we were led to believe.

He has just signed a new, one-year contract with the Belgian club, who will be playing in the European Cup Winners' Cup next season.

"I have a very lucrative contract and there is no way my club would agree to



EDDIE KRNEVIC

release me for Socceroo World Cup duty," he said.

"I'm a bit disappointed but there's nothing I can do about it.

"As far as joining an Australian club is concerned, any club that wants me will have to pay Cercle Bruges a transfer fee of \$500,000. This is also in my contract.

"And with no disrespect, I think this is out of the reach of any Australian club.

"There have been a number of big European clubs, including Anderlecht and a French first division club, after my services and at a fee of \$500,000, they reckon I would be a good buy.

"However, before moving elsewhere, I have made up my mind to have another season with Cercle Bruges.

"My decision is not one of disloyalty to national coach Frank Arok or the Socceroos, but my livelihood as a professional footballer is in Europe and it's as simple as that."

"I'm sure that nobody will criticise Eddie Krncevic for this decision and we all wish him the best of luck in his career in top European football.

In fact, he's doing Australia proud by being there.

Mitchell is a different kettle of fish. He's "Socceroo crazy" and has always harboured a dream of playing for Australia in a World Cup Final series.

Because of this, he terminated his tie-up with Rangers to return home to prepare for the Socceroos' big World Cup qualifying battles at the end of the year.

Unfortunately, a legal clause in a former contract with Sydney City has somewhat delayed his return and necessitated a "stop-over" in Hong Kong and a spell with the Seiko club.

But, like General MacArthur, he will return . . . at the end of next month.

However, this again will be a temporary stay, as when the qualifying games are over he will go back to Europe to resume his professional career.

I spoke to Mitch in Hong Kong and he told me he could not get back home quickly enough to start training with the Socceroos.

"It has been my dream to try and help Australia get to a World Cup Final series ever since I started kicking a ball in Adelaide," he said.

"I know that the boys are playing well and have done a marvellous job in winning the \$200,000 international series and getting back into the team will be difficult.

"But I want to give it a big go and I intend to pull out all the stops when I get back.

"Believe me, my aim is to get back in that national team and stay there.

"There's nothing I want more than to have a real shot at New Zealand, Israel and Taiwan and then hopefully Scotland, Wales or Spain."

Mitchell's return will herald a titanic battle for striking spots in the Socceroo line-up.

The present men in possession of those positions, Marshall Soper and John Kosmina, had a marvellous series, and youngsters Jim Patikas, Frank Farina and Rod Brown are hot on their heels.

Of course, this is a problem national coach Arok is glad to have.

Come what may, David Mitchell and Eddie Krncevic are wonderful ambassadors for Australian soccer — even though their career paths have taken different directions this year.



DAVID MITCHELL in the thick of the action for Australia against New Zealand.

## EDITORIAL

### CROATIA'S BOLD MOVE

SYDNEY CROATIA's bold move towards full-time professionalism must be congratulated.

However, it is highly unlikely that other clubs could follow their example given the depressing lack of crowd support for soccer in Australia.

Sydney Croatia are the exception to the norm in the Northern Division ... they make money through gate-takings which has allowed them to employ eight players full-time.

Attempts at introducing professional soccer in Australia have been unsuccessful in the past.

Now-defunct Sydney club Western Suburbs tried it several years ago and failed.

Occasionally clubs have made certain players full-time, but little progress is achieved unless a sizeable number of players are working together.

The absence of professional football in Australia is probably the number one reason for a phenomenon that has developed in recent years.

Our national Youth teams have proved they can compete with the best in the world at Under 20 level, but many Youth Internationals haven't progressed to senior international level.

As one former Youth international put it: "When we come back from the World Youth Championship, we have to start thinking about getting a job and sorting out our lives, whereas players from other countries return to the security of full-time professional football."

"They continue to develop at a rate which cannot be matched by part-time players who train after working throughout the day."

Often the most dedicated and ambitious youngsters leave this country to join professional clubs overseas. Their names are well-known: Craig Johnston, Eddie Krncevic, Davie Mitchell, Alan Davidson, Tony Dorigo.

This leads to a Catch-22 situation: for while these top young players are leaving our shores in search of professionalism, the standard of our own club game is weakened, harming the chances of one day attaining professional soccer here.

ASW wishes Sydney Croatia well and hope they provide the incentive for other clubs to investigate the prospects of introducing professional soccer.



## CHIT CHAT

GREEN GULLY coach BOBBY McLACHLAN was proud to support national coach FRANK AROK after the Socceroos' recent international series triumph.

Speaking in Brisbane, McLachlan said many people had been off the mark in ridiculing Arok's selections.

"It's a great day for Australia when we have taken on Vasco da Gama, Udinese and Tottenham and beaten them. It will temporarily shut up the know-all and critics, but unfortunately only temporarily.

"It will take only one loss and up they will bob again," McLachlan said.

"So many people are ready to jump on the bandwagon and criticise Arok — but it is wrong to criticise the man just because you are not involved.

"As a coach of a National League team, it is my duty to back up the national coach and for the sake of Australia hope that he is doing the right thing and making the right selections. I can only say, well done Frank Arok."



WITH Manly Warringah's Scots WILIE MURRAY and TOM STEVEN leaving the club, the Seasiders will field a very young side in the NSW TNT Skypak League.

And plenty of Manly fans will be happy to see the local content increase.

Manly used to pride itself on using young local talent before the club got the urge to import name players from outside the district.



SOME NSL club administrators really have a strange attitude towards the media.

When ASW asked one secretary about his club's recent sponsorship tie-up, his curt reply was: "Where have you been for the past few weeks?"

We're sure the company would be impressed by the lack of publicity for the sponsorship deal.

INTERESTING point made by ASF commercial director PETER SHEEAN when discussing the fact that only 10,000 fans turned up for the Socceroos' game in Adelaide.

He said the cash taken represented more than that collected in Sydney, because the SA fans went for the dearer seats.

"Numbers do not always represent more cash," he said.

"We want as many people as possible, but in the long run it's the cash which counts."



VASCO DA GAMA proved themselves the best of the overseas teams in the recent international series.

"Oddly, though, they were paid the smallest match fee: \$US10,000."



ARSENAL and Aston Villa still hope to compete in the next international series in Australia — despite the world-wide FIFA ban on English teams.

The two clubs have appealed to the English FA, and asked for the FA to send the appeal to FIFA.

On what grounds? The fact that, when the touring Socceroos played Arsenal and Villa in England last year, part of the agreement was return games in Australia.

We don't think there is any chance of the appeal being accepted by FIFA.



WHEN CRAIG JOHNSTON arrived at Sydney airport last week, he was surprised his wife JENNY was not there to meet him.

Craig phoned his Newcastle home to be told by Jenny: "You were supposed to ring me from Manchester to let me know when you would arrive."

"I'm in trouble with the wife already and I've only just landed," cracked Johnston.

DOES the Australian Soccer Federation invite the right teams here for its international tournaments?

It's a good question, bearing in mind the small crowds attending the recent series.

Red Star Belgrade are due here for the next series at the end of July, but Yugoslavs living in Sydney insist Hajduk Split would pull in twice as many fans as Red Star.

Perhaps the only way to get a crowd is to make sure visiting teams do not leave their star players at home.



MARCONI were staggered when they heard the terms required for top Italian players to turn out for them as guests.

Huge match fees, first-class air travel and first-class hotels were enough to make Marconi think twice.



ST GEORGE must be admired for handing coach FRANK AROK a new two-year contract at a time when the team is going through the horrors.

When DAVE MCALEN was with Hakoah in Sydney, he once said: "Coaches never nail down their carpets."



CRAIG JOHNSTON: In trouble with wife.

ALTHOUGH he only sat on the bench, West Adelaide's GRAHAM HONEYMAN was thrilled to be part of the Socceroos squad.

His only complaint was that he had to go on a diet when he got back to Adelaide.

"I've never eaten so much in ages," said the classy defender who, apart from training four times with West, has a cleaning contracting business which keeps him fitter than most.

Hefty lunches, instead of snacks or nothing, had the veteran Scot bulging.

Listed to return to the squad for the July-August series, he now knows what to expect.



THINGS could be looking up at the gates again for Adelaide City.

More than 3,500 rolled up for the derby with West.

If the home wins keep coming, the "magic" 5,000 may be reached before the end of the season.

But to think that back in 1977 the same fixture pulled in more than 15,000 makes you shudder.

In those days officials said: "All we need is 4,000 to break even."

Changed days.



BRISBANE LIONS full-back ALAN NIVEN was rated "the best left foot in the business" by Green Gully coach BOBBY McLACHLAN recently.

And McLachlan added he thought Niven's team-mate JOHN STEWART was "one of the most under-rated players in the League".



GRAHAM HONEYMAN: on a diet.

APIA LEICHARDT coach FIL BOTTA-LICO was missing from Lambert Park when his side lost to Inter Monaro last week.

Bottalico was suffering from influenza and was advised by his doctor not to attend the game.

Apia president NICK PAPALO addressed the playing staff at training during the week prior to the Monaro game.

ASW understands Papallo called for more commitment from the players.

Although he would not go into details of his address, Papallo did say after the Monaro game that, although naturally disappointed by the result, he was pleased to see greater commitment from the team.



POLOMIA, struggling at the foot of the NSW TNT Skypak League, have turned to one of their most successful former coaches to get them out of trouble.

With CHICO VOJ-NOVIC resigning last week, TONY KOMODER takes over as coach.

In 1981 under Komoder, little Polonia joined big-name clubs Sydney Croatia, St George and Melita in the semi-finals of the NSW State League.

One young player whom Komoder believed would go on to bigger things was SCOTT DICKSON, who is now an NSL player with Wollongong City.



THIS year Marconi released a number of players on the fringe of their NSL side who have become regulars with other NSL outfits.

Experienced sweeper BERTI MARIANI is now with Apia Leichhardt, former Australian Youth team winger RENE LICATA is on loan to Penrith City, ATI CARBONE and RICKY BUDINI are starring with Inter Monaro, and DOMINIC GIANNONE, who never made it past youth team level at Marconi, has made the grade with Wollongong City.

# ADCITY READY FOR LATE RUN

STAND back. Here comes Adelaide City.

Their run may be late, but it could be devastating.

With Socceroo striker David Mitchell due to take the field next round after a stint with Hong Kong club Seiko, and Colin McAdam joining the defence from Glasgow Rangers, the SA side

is looking good.

Apart from the new arrivals, coach Eddie Kreft has the team ticking over — at last.

"We gave away games. The opposition, in most cases, didn't win them," said Kreft.

"Now we have a nice blend, and a bit



EDDIE KREFT

BY TOM MCKAIN

of depth, and all sorts of options we can use at the back and midfield.

"I'm still convinced we can make the five in the Southern Division."

He may well be right, particularly when he can afford to leave former regular Peter Rankin in the reserves where he is scoring regularly, including five in one game.

But the big turning point, apart from the arrival of Mitchell and McAdam, is the return to form of last year's Australian Soccer Press Association Player of the Year, Sergio Melta.

After weeks out with knee ligament problems, he came back looking only a shadow of the bubbling class midfielder of last season.

Eventually he was fielded at full-back and put in only ordinary performances.

Now he is starting to

move into top gear and when he fires so does Charlie Villani, a brilliant midfielder or forward who is not in the Socceroo squad only because of his inconsistency.

While Kreft concedes that he may lose another game away from home, he is confident he can gather enough away points to add to what he hopes will be full points from all City's remaining home games.

The only thing which could stop the run is a collection of yellow cards.

Some referees are still card-happy and this is something Mitchell and McAdam will have to watch.

As will hard men Neville Flounders and Brian Northcote, who seem to be targets for certain whistlemen.

But with a bit of luck, and Mitchell on target, City may yet restore some of Adelaide's lost prestige on the national scene.

**'We must be a good side all the time'**  
— Hermiston

AFTER a horror start to the season, Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston still believes his side can make the top five this year.

BY GREG RUSSELL

he took over five weeks into this season.

He has highly motivated a small squad and now is hoping he can reach the end of the season without any major injuries.

The NSL pool at Spencer Park is still a very shallow one, but already Hermiston has taken steps to improve things for next year.

A month ago he picked up state squad member Glenn Archer at no cost. Archer, 21, had been playing as an amateur at Grange Thistle.

And there are other talented youngsters coming through the grades who Hermiston hopes to attract to Spencer Park.

"It is a matter of blending in the new young players with the experienced ones we have here," he said.

"We won't be rushing things but towards the end of this season will be the time to start thinking about next year."

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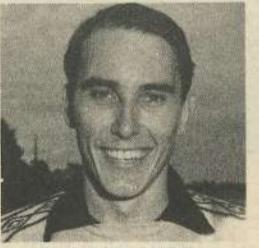
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MELITA EAGLES v BANKSTOWN NATIONAL ..... MELITA STADIUM  
WARRINGAH N'BEEN v POLONIA ..... N'BEEN FITNESS CAMP

SUNDAY JUNE 23:

MANLY WARRINGAH v FAIRY MEADOW ..... CROMER PARK  
KU-RING-GAI v URUGUAY AUBURN ..... PARKLANDS OVAL  
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CANTERBURY M'VILLE v POLONIA ..... ARLINGTON OVAL  
SUTHERLAND v WARRINGAH N'BEEN ..... SEYMOUR SHAW PARK

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SATURDAY JUNE 22:

Campbelltown City v Queens Park

Lynwood Park

Gladesville Hby v Penrith Utd

Pioneer Park

SUNDAY JUNE 23:

Gladesville Hby v SSC Yugal

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 26:

FAIRY MEADOW v SUTHERLAND SHIRE ..... TOWRADGI PARK  
(1st and 2nd grades only)

SATURDAY JUNE 29:

POLONIA v SUTHERLAND SHIRE ..... CHOPIN PARK

SUNDAY JUNE 30:

FAIRY MEADOW v KU-RING-GAI ..... MEMORIAL PARK (Corrimal)  
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## KU-RING-GAI LEVEL AT TOP

KU-RING-GAI..... 2

AVALA..... 1

KU-RING-GAI sent their coach Dennis Ford into raptures of delight with their authoritative 2-1 win over a languishing Avala outfit.

This victory moved Ku-ring-gai level with Fairy Meadow at the top of the TNT Skypack League.

The first half was a dour yet intriguing affair as both sides attempted to sort themselves out, although Glen Jeffrey had two chances to put his side ahead.

Craig Bass put his side one-up in the 59th minute with an acrobatic diving header following a cross from Brian Ellem.

Only seconds later Ray Carney took off on a spirited run only to be brought down to earn a penalty that Hector Martinez duly slotted home.

Martinez was showing some fine touches but it was all too infrequent.

Andrew Brockbank, who hasn't played for over a year and a half in the Ku-ring-gai side, turned out for Dennis Ford's outfit today.

He is on loan from Canberra City, who are yet to pay the full sum of his transfer fee to Ku-ring-gai.

The match looked set for a draw, the result Avala seemed to be playing for, but they did not

BY FRANK COLETTA

bank on the exploits of young David Bennett.

In this match he was on hand to score in the 89th minute with a diving header reminiscent of Bass' effort and a replica of his effort in the reserve grade match.

SUTHERLAND..... 3

MELITA ..... 0

PARRAMATTA MELITA EAGLES seem to have lost all confidence and composure in their play of late and their 3-0 demolition at the hands of John Lavin's Sutherland Shire Sharks is further testimony to this.

Sutherland to their credit played very intelligent football continually denying Melita any opportunities at goal.

In fact goalkeeper Birchmore was rarely if ever tested by the usually reliable Melita forwards.

Vic Dal Forno put Sutherland into the lead with a penalty and they were never troubled.

Two stylish goals by Ross Tasker and Peter Beggs, both having had good matches, sealed the match for the Sharks.

Along with these two, young Ian Burrows was in fine form, continually keeping Don Allan in check.

URUGUAY..... 0

MANLY ..... 0

No goals were the order of the day at Cromer Park between Manly and Uruguayan Auburn, although it was a very entertaining affair.

Without Campbell, Leak and Foy again and the loss of Tom Steven to Apia, Manly were forced to rely heavily on local talent and were not let down in the slightest.

Ross Hethington in his first match did well, as did Wayne Pierce and Jebrael, but the real hero was goalkeeper Ian Barker who made countless stops.

BANKSTOWN..... 1

FAIRY MEADOW ..... 2

FAIRY MEADOW, playing their usual stoic game, held out a determined Bankstown National side 2-1 but may have been more than a little lucky.

Bankstown held a 1-0 lead until the 67th minute when Fairy Meadow capitalised on a defensive error to equalise.

A minute later they went ahead through yet another blunder at the back.

CANTERBURY ..... 7

WARRINGAH ..... 0

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC may well be looked at as title threats following their powerful 7-0 blitz of Warringah Narrabeen at the weekend.

Goals came from Paul Kirwan, Carlos Ortega (two apiece) and Neto Borges, continuing his superb form with a scintillating hat-trick.

ROCKDALE ..... 7

POLONIA ..... 1

ROCKDALE ILINDEN made it an unhappy weekend for poor old Polonia by whipping them mercilessly 7-1.

Rockdale's barrage was continuous and Polonia, with new coach Tony Komoder at the helm, were helpless as Ross Brown grabbed a hat-trick and Darren Wilson, Geoff Wilson, Jimmy Ristevski and Ron Boots all put one each in.

Polonia's lone reply came from their Yugoslav full-back Grujo Vujinovic.

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# MIX 'N' MATCH

A USTRALIA's mix of nationalities gives the national Under 16 team access to a remarkably wide range of skills.

National U16 coach Vic Dalgleish sees this as a very positive factor as the countdown commences to the first ever World U16 Tournament to be held in China from July 31.

Australia's U16 challenge began in December, 1983, in Auckland when the team won the Oceania U15 championship. That led China to include Australia in its invitation list of 15 other countries, much to the delight of those who had pioneered the series against considerable odds.

Dalgleish, who selected and coached the U16 Socceroos, said: "In New Zealand the local people were dumbfounded to see Greeks, Italians and Australians settling down to do the job as a unit.

"They were surprised to see 14-year-old Paul Trimboli turning players at his age. There was no precedent for it in their book."

Dalgleish works hard to give his players the confidence to do it all for Australia.

Apart from that his main attitude to playing the game is clear: "Don't play long balls to the front. Get out there and have patience — the results will come."

Actually he is a little intrigued by the way the national coaches put their game together.

With Yugoslav Frank Arok at the top

## AUSSIE U16S SECRET FOR SUCCESS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

with the World Cup team, Englishman Jim Shoulder at the Youth helm and Scottish-born Dalgleish with the U16 team, differences are built in the system.

Another thing that strikes him is a tendency for the impressionable U16s to follow the lead of the Socceroo players.

This particularly applies to players from along the east coast.

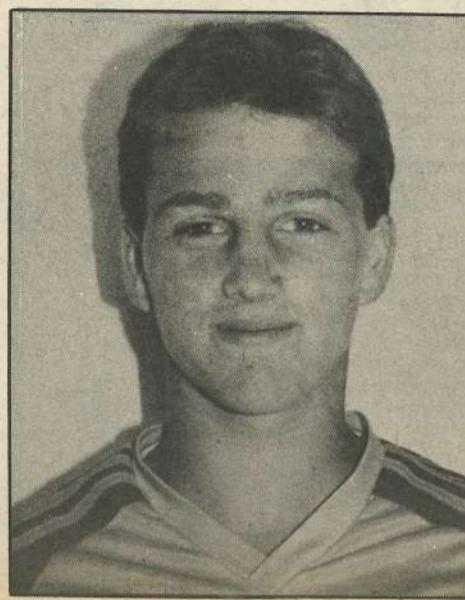
He feels that this tends to remove a little of the skills in favour of the long balls.

Maybe Arok believes this too, but he must cut his cloth according to the product that comes through the system.

But Dalgleish says: "The attitude of the boys is tremendous and has been building up for 18 months.

"Most of the players know each other well from the New Zealand trip and also know how I want the game played."

In New Zealand the Australian boys scored 21 goals and had two scored



PAUL TRIMBOLI: surprised the Kiwis.

against them to win the Oceania tournament.

They again showed up well in five games whilst in camp in Melbourne.

There they won four games and drew one against some of the best youth teams that Victoria could offer.

George Cross, South Melbourne and leaders Heidelberg (twice) together with a team of 16-18-year-olds specially picked by director of coaching Tim White provided the opposition.

The overall goalscoring went 12-1 and the highlight was a special game under lights at Olympic Park.

Discarding a number of players or leaving them on standby was Dalgleish's most harrowing decision.

He was working for an U16 squad that could play at U20 National Youth League level.

Some players had done a great job for him in Auckland, which made it all the harder to leave them at home.

Argentina will be a hard nut to crack in the first game.

Dalgleish is securing some videos from Argentina of top league matches.

This is designed to ensure that their style and tactics cause no surprise when the teams meet.

Dalgleish has his mind set on overcoming two problem areas which will lead to an upgraded performance.

He commented: "Obtaining Bruce Stowell as assistant coach was magic.

"Bruce has only a short time to know what the players can do, so we will face up to that.

"The other point is to get the new players to adapt to the requirements.

"They have a head start in that they possess the skills needed to do the job."

There is no doubt that this is an outfit that will do Australia proud in what is a first-ever tournament in world soccer.



VIC DALGLEISH, national U16 coach.

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# AUSSIE PLAYER CAUGHT UP IN FINAL TRAGEDY

**L**IKE a true Liverpudlian, Harry Lomas was up at 4am on Thursday

morning three weeks ago to watch the live telecast of the European Cup Final between Liverpool and Juventus.

The scheduled meeting of the giants of English and Italian soccer in the Belgian city of Brussels held the promise of a classic encounter.

But in front of millions of television viewers throughout the world, the event turned into disaster as rioting in Brussels' Heysel Stadium delayed the kick-off of the match for one-and-a-half hours.

BY BRAD EARL

For Harry Lomas, the match was forgotten as the off-field drama began what was to be "the worst day I've ever spent in my life."

Harry and his wife Elsie watched the horror from their St Marys home in Sydney's west aware that their 20-year-old son Graeme was caught up in the middle of it.

The former Penrith United and Penrith City player had been on holiday in England for six weeks and had been staying with his grandmother in Liverpool.

He was like most ordinary football fans from the city who made the trek across the English Channel to see their favourite team play.

Frantic calls to and from England punctuated Harry and Elsie's day as the death toll rose to 38.

That evening, the couple received the welcome news that their son was all right.

Graeme rang his parents at 10pm Australian time to confirm that he had escaped uninjured — although his tale of the events in the Heysel Stadium was a harrowing one.

## LIONS BOSS IS CITED

BRISBANE LIONS National League coach Gordon Arrowsmith has been advised by the Queensland Soccer Federation management committee to choose his words more carefully in the future.

Arrowsmith was cited to appear before the QSF management committee last week over his remarks in the media following the state's tour of Fiji.

Lions provided 10 players to the touring party and subsequently lost their first game back to West Adelaide.

Arrowsmith was quoted as saying his players returned jaded from the tour and was critical of what he called "lack of supervision" on the way home.

He attacked the QSF for not taking an assistant coach on the tour to cover for the early departure of state coach Bruce Stowell, who left on day seven of the 10-day tour to attend a coaching course in Sydney.

At their meeting last week, the QSF asked Arrowsmith to come to them first in future if he had any grievances. Arrowsmith agreed to their request.

The matter was then finalised but an interesting point remained unanswered. Did the QSF have any power to fine Arrowsmith, as has been speculated?

He is a National League coach at a National League club, although Lions are members of the QSF and all clubs come under the ASF banner.

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GRAEME LOMAS (right) in action for Penrith City.

The trouble was centred in the terraced stands behind one goal, and Graeme experienced the rioting first-hand, even though the full extent of the disaster wasn't known until much later.

Graeme's account supports the description and diagram reproduced here from TIME MAGAZINE.

"He said there were far too many Liverpool supporters bottled up in one place," Harry explained.

"Where the Juventus supporters were there was plenty of room and the only thing preventing the Liverpool fans from getting into that section was a little wire fence, which was knocked down."

At the height of the trouble, a man next to Graeme was hit in the head by a brick.

The rioting eased and the match went ahead, with few people in the stadium

aware that people had been crushed and trampled to death when a brick wall collapsed.

There was more panic at the end of the match when more than 20,000 people were attempting to leave the ground through one double-doorway.

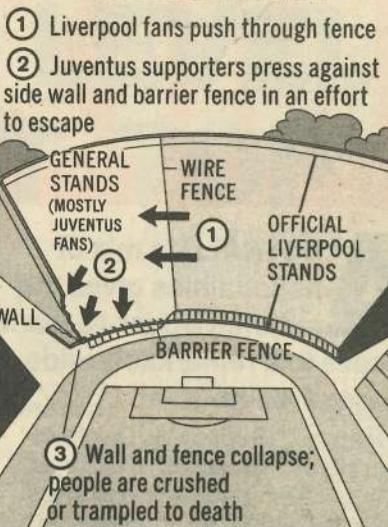
"When they returned to England, the Liverpool supporters on the coach with Graeme knew something had happened," Harry said.

"But it wasn't until they stopped at a cafe and bought a newspaper that they found out that so many people had died."

"People in Liverpool were obviously very upset. The Liverpool club has been playing in Europe for 21 years and nothing like this has happened before."

The violence and deaths at the 1985

## DEATH IN THE ARENA



TIME Diagram by Joe Cartola

As is now customary in European soccer, the organizers had sought to segregate the rival fans, placing most of the Britons behind the goal net in one set of low-priced, standing room only areas known as "terraces." The Italians were put in similar terraces some 150 yds. away, behind the net at the other end of the field. In the middle, on both sides, were the seated ticket holders.

But there was an untidy exception to that plan: Section Z. With room for an estimated 6,000 fans, the area was originally reserved for spectators from Belgium and other "neutral" nations. But many tickets wound up on the open market and were bought by British and Italian fans. As Italians holding Section Z tickets arrived, they were generally allowed to enter. But the Britons were redirected into the adjacent X and Y terraces. As a result, the British zones quickly became overcrowded.

Precisely what touched off the rioting remains unclear. Some witnesses said that the British fans merely wanted to get into the less crowded Italian section.

European Cup Final were a frightening reality which shook the sporting world. Yet "why?" is a question that will probably never be properly answered.

Indeed, for Graeme Lomas it remains a mystery how the atmosphere in Brussels changed so much in the space of one day.

"In the morning, Liverpool and Juventus supporters were playing little games in the streets and swapping scarves and badges," relates his father Harry.

"Yet by that evening the atmosphere had built up to boiling point and it was a frightening experience for Graeme."

"The European Cup Final was to have been the highlight of his trip, but it turned out to be a disaster."

## DISPUTE STOPS SWAN PLAYING

QUEENSLAND's dual Rothmans Medal winner Ken Swan is being kept on the sidelines because of a dispute between his club Grange Thistle and Brisbane City which has dragged on for nearly 18 months.

And with less than three weeks before the transfer deadline, it looks like Swan may not get a game for the remainder of the year.

Swan, 24, played on loan at Brisbane City last year after the NSL club balked at a \$10,000 transfer fee slapped on the midfielder by the Grange club.

Swan was then injured earlier this year and at one stage it appeared he may not play again.

But he has now recovered from the pelvic strain and wants to return to Spencer Park.

## Up North

GREG RUSSELL REPORTS  
FROM BRISBANE

Again Thistle have asked for a price City refuse to pay. And Swan, who will not go back to Grange but still wants to play soccer, has been left stranded and rueing his signing of a blue form as a youngster.

"I am sick and tired of the situation. I en-

joyed last season at City and I want to play there again. But at the moment I only have permission to train," he said.

"It certainly has proved to me that once you sign a blue form you are virtually signed (to that club) for life."

## NOT A SUNNY DRAW!

QUEENSLAND's leading Croatian club Sunnyside has the toughest tie in the state's Ampol Cup quarter-finals this weekend.

The Intermediate League side has to travel to Townsville to play North Queensland, who outdo Premier League side Mount Gravatt from the tournament in the last round.

North Queensland won the trophy in 1982 and their present team still contains members of the now-defunct Townsville Kern United State League team.

In true Cup style, the quarter-final ties were drawn out of the Cup by QSF boss Ian Brusasco and Ampol representative Nairn Hindhaugh.

Quite ironically, before the draw Brusasco was jokingly asking Sunnyside officials how many Croatians were in Townsville.

The other ties will see Coalstars visit Bundaberg, who cause the sensation of the last round in beating Premier League leaders Lions 3-0, Ipswich United will host Brisbane City, and Cup holders North Star will play Easts.

# DALGLISH'S CHALLENGE



THE soccer world will watch with great curiosity the progress of Kenny Dalglish as manager of English giants, Liverpool.

There is some confusion as to the role of Dalglish at Liverpool.

He has been given a "consultant" to help him, in the person of former successful Liverpool manager Bob Paisley.

At 34, will Dalglish continue to play?

Who will train the players, who will pick the team?

Can a 34-year-old train a squad of players at that age and still perform well at this level of the game?

These are some of the questions that the Dalglish selection poses.

Dalglish is the best all-round player in Britain.

However, his sharpness is beginning to go, which is why we now see him in a midfield role in many games.

Does he have the legs for a genuine midfield in a top team?

The great Alfredo De Stefano, of Real Madrid, arguably the best all-round player who has lived, had skills even in excess of Dalglish, but once he was unable to run fast enough or far enough he had to quit top soccer — at around the age Dalglish is now.

The Liverpool board has seen the impact of Howard Kendall, a young man, at Everton, formerly the city of Liverpool's "other" team, and obviously feels that Dalglish is in the same mould.

This is what the soccer world will wait with interest to find out.

Kendall had rocky times at Everton and only survived by a whisker from getting the chop.

Now he has built an excellent young team which Liverpool will find hard to match.

Liverpool have prided themselves on being able to anticipate the decline of their star players and replace them before it began to show in the team.

However, this has not happened with Dalglish and Graham Souness, who went to Italy. How do you replace such players?



BY MIKE JOHNSON

emanates from this unusual managerial selection.

Whatever the permutation, Liverpool have a battle on their hands to regain their previous all-conquering stature.

Last year was the first season that Liverpool did not win a trophy during a decade of time.

Now with Everton consolidated and on the march and the magnetic Manchester United beginning to regain their former glory, Liverpool will have a tough road to haul.

Certainly, they can no longer say, as their mentor, the great Bill Shankly, once said when asked which was the second best side in the city: "Liverpool reserves!"

Everton have silenced that jibe, perhaps for all time.

## APIA LEICHARDT v SYDNEY OLYMPIC



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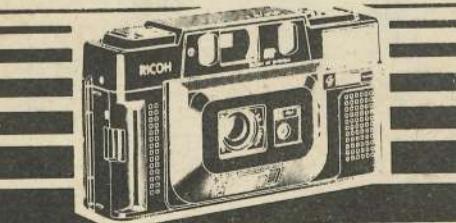


DAVIE PROVAN (SYDNEY OLYMPIC)



TONY MORSELLO (APIA LEICHARDT)

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# JUNIOR SCENE



Compiled by  
Keith Gilmour

## SOUTH AUSTRALIANS STRIVE FOR NATIONAL SUCCESS

If the South Australian Under 13 side is not well prepared this year, it will not be for want of trying.

Coach Carlos Buzzetti and manager John Brannigan have both had their shoulders to the wheel ever since their U13 side ran fourth in 1984.

The 1985 National Championships will be held at Parklea in Sydney during the August/September school holidays.

Buzzetti admits that the Croweters' main downfall last year was a lack of preparation compared with most other states.

"This is an obstacle that will be rectified," he said.

He began in early April with the first selection trials at Hart Reserve, Port Adelaide.

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

More than 100 lads were given the chance to impress before a squad of 22 was selected from the metropolitan area.

The Buzzetti-Brannigan's next move was to take the 22 around the state and select another 22 from the Elizabeth Districts, Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Port Pirie.

Also under view are players competing in the State Championships, held this year at Broken Hill on June 16.

The two squads come together on June 22/23 for a gruelling stamina test.

From these trials the final 20 will be selected, of which 16 will travel to Sydney to represent their state.

## BRUSASCO PLANS FOR U16 TRIP

QUEENSLAND soccer boss Ian Brusasco, who will lead the Australian Under 16 team to China, has some plans to boost their chances of success in the inaugural World U16 Tournament.

Brusasco, the ASF senior vice-president, has already compiled an extensive dossier on what the young Australians can expect in the industrial city of Taijan, where they will play their first round matches.

The conditions will be unlike anything the Australians have experienced but, if Brusasco's suggestions are heeded, we could get a headstart over our rivals.

Brusasco's suggestions include certain health precautions, taking food supplements such as confectionery bars (which were eaten regularly by the Scottish team at the last World Youth Championship) and even entertainment pre-planning.

"It's going to be very different to what we are used to. Just a simple thing like sitting down at night and turning on the television may not be possible. We can overcome that by taking a video and a library of films," Brusasco said.

"It's simple things like that which can help a team settle bet-

ter. And as I think we have an excellent chance of winning this tournament then we are going to be there for quite a while." It is understood the ASF and tour coaches, Vic Dalglish and Bruce Stowell, are now considering Brusasco's suggestions.

Behind them once again this year is an efficient management in place in the NSW Champion of Champions final in a very close match.



BACK ROW: Peter Webb, Darren Nicholson, Greg McVey, Grant Charlesworth, Paul Michelsen, Tony Algar, Pat Italiano.  
FRONT ROW: John Cosgrove, Dean Taylor, Paul Crawford, Shane (mascot), Simon Heading, Matthew Sheather, Stuart Holt.  
ABSENT: Stephen McCulloch, Darren Woods.

## SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

## COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

U/16

TERRY SMITH

BIRTHDATE: 13.8.69  
POSITION: Centre-forward  
CLUB: Albury United  
ASSOCIATION: AWSA  
SCHOOL: Albury North High  
MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYERS: NSW Country  
AMBITIONS: To be successful at whatever I do  
AMBITIONS IN LIFE: Play professional soccer  
AGE COMMENCED SOCCER: 6  
FIRST CLUB: Croydon City



JOSEPH SERGI

BIRTHDATE: 26.6.69  
POSITION: Centre-half  
CLUB: Hanwood  
ASSOCIATION: Griffith  
SCHOOL: Catholic High  
MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER: NSW Country  
AMBITIONS: Play NSL  
AMBITIONS IN LIFE: Good job and be good at all sports  
AGE COMMENCED SOCCER: 7  
FIRST CLUB: Hanwood



ROCKHAMPTON juniors on the bustle during junior games at Norbridge Park this season. Richard Evans has worked hard to ensure junior players get top priority in coaching programmes he has organised.

# CENTRAL COAST CELEBRATIONS

IT says something worthwhile for the standing of Central Coast soccer when local clubs like Gosford City and Wyong celebrate their 21st birthdays.

Gosford City will commemorate their events with a weekend tournament later in the year featuring four local clubs and two strong units from outside the district.

Club senior coach Lindsay Ferguson will soon be sitting for his Level 3 coaching certificate.

Oldtimers at Wyong hark back to the days when they began with Kanwal Oval as their first home ground.

Wyong Motors coughed up \$25 to become the club's first sponsors.

This year the club field four senior and 13 junior teams, with many of the older members still with the club.

Over at Kincumber, the local soccer club is into its second season and fields three senior and three junior teams.

The Kincumber

scribe says: "All teams are very evenly balanced.

"Our biggest delight was to realise that the

girls and ladies of the area have found, as have many boys and men, that soccer is the only game to play."

## Sports trainers' course at Went

A SPORTS trainers' Level 1 course will be held at Went Waratahs Soccer Club commencing Tuesday, July 4.

This course is intended for coaches, club officials and interested parents who are seeking to improve their knowledge of sporting injuries.

A big advantage of this course is that all the doctors who will lecture have had experience with soccer injuries.

Doctors who will conduct the course include Dr Bill Webb, who attends Black-

town City's NSL side, and Dr Brian Corrigan, who has served on Australian national team tours for many years.

The course runs for 13 nights on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 7.30 to 10pm.

The venue is the Went Waratahs club-rooms, Centenary Rd, Merrylands, and is being coordinated by Went Waratahs and Greystanes Soccer Clubs.

The cost of the course is \$60, which covers the cost of lecture notes and supper, and at the completion of the course each successful applicant is awarded a nationally accredited certificate.

There is a limit of 50 places, which can be filled by phoning Win Boyden on 636 7932.

## FLASHBACK

### NSW AMATEURS 46 YEARS AGO

TRACING back on some of the history of amateur soccer in NSW this week lands us in 1939, just before the outbreak of World War II.

The amateurs were known as the NSW Soccer Commission from 1936 onward. We haven't yet traced the name of the organisation in earlier days.

Here is the junior story of the day:

#### NSW SOCCER COMMISSION

THE above organisation, which came into being three years ago, now controls 14 affiliated associations, viz, Newcastle, Maitland, South Coast (to which is affiliated the Miners' Association), Sydney and District, Protestant Churches, Granville, Canterbury, Berrima District, Ryde, St George, Eastern Suburbs, Manly and Northern Suburbs, City Houses and Boy Scouts. Altogether 6,038 registered players came under its jurisdiction last season.

Five State Championships are conducted each year by the Commission, and with the disposal of several preliminary rounds, the 1939 series are now in a very interesting position. The associations that have qualified for the various championships to date are as follow:

**Association Cup (all-age)** — South Coast, Protestant Churches, Eastern Suburbs, Manly and Northern Suburbs.

**Richardson Cup (Under 21)** — Newcastle, South Coast, Canterbury, Protestant Churches.

**State Junior Cup (Under 18)** — South Coast, Maitland, Newcastle, Granville, Canterbury.

**Harold Read Cup (Under 16)** — Maitland, South Coast, Newcastle, Canterbury, Manly and Northern Suburbs.

**Hugh Connell Shield (Under 14)** — Newcastle, Maitland, South Coast, Scouts, Granville, Canterbury.

The curtain-raiser to the third test match at the Sydney Cricket Ground today at 12 noon is the Sydney final of the Richardson Cup — Protestant Churches v Canterbury — and should be productive of some clever, fast and thrilling soccer. The winners will meet the South Coast in the state semi-final.

Last season the Commission invited a team from Queensland and returned the visit, and on August 18 a team will arrive here from Victoria — the first occasion for many years — and will meet a representative NSW side at North Sydney Oval on August 19. The Victorians will also play the South Coast at Bulli the following weekend.

The Association is administered by a Council comprising a delegate from each affiliated association with independent chairman. State secretary Mr Tom Hastie acts in a similar capacity for this body.

## WESTERN CHS SQUAD

WESTERN REGION soccer convenor Geoff Brookes has announced the squad to compete in the NSW Inter-Regional Championships.

These will be played at Cromer Park from June 25/27.

The players are: Bruce Raynor, Grant Roberts, Scott Forrest (Wellington); Geoff Stanmore, Andrew Gibbs, Nigel Bolten (Dubbo South); Robert Walpole, Iain Thornton (Lithgow); Bernhardt Ripperger, Dave Clark (Canobolas); Mark Cooke, Mark Pearce (Bathurst), Justin Hadley (Kalgoorlie).

## EASTWOOD LINKS UP

**EASTWOOD UNITED**, the Lismore district's oldest soccer club, will change its name to Lismore Workers SC.

The club is one of a number of sporting clubs in the city who have linked up with the Lismore Workers Club Sports Trust.

Eastwood United has been on the job for 37 years. It fields four senior and several junior teams in the local competitions.



## Phoenix rises again

WHEN Joe Zammit formed Phoenix United in 1984, he could not have forecast the degree of success the club has enjoyed.

This year, at the stage they had nine games behind them in the Southern & Eastern SFA and in friendlies, they had nine wins.

The biggest success story, however, was amongst the playing group. Many different nationalities have blended together in one big happy family.

Joe believes that the future will see two or three teams representing the club.

We would hope they could look



BACK ROW: Luie Vucklic, Doug Vickie, Alex Placer, Barry Futter, John O'Neill, Jim O'Rourke, coach Rio Campacci.

FRONT ROW: Tuti Bonnaci, Ewen Page, Sam Bujaga, Tony Mammino, Peter Dadids, Joe Zammit, Per Eklof, Neill McLoglan.

ABSENT: Tony Zerafa.

## YOUTH LEAGUE

### GRANVILLE'S HARD GRIND

GRANVILLE'S only point against St George came from a 2-2 draw in the Under 13 grade on Saturday.

Playing at home on Garside Park, the young Magpies went down 0-4, 0-10 and 0-1 in U14, 15 and 16 respectively.

Two players who have been with Granville since U11 showed out well in the U16 loss.

They were Robert Grubba and Jason Smart. Also shining was another mainstay in Joe Hersey.

Granville is in the basement in all grades in the strong Group A.

Association junior vice-president Brian Grant took over as convenor when his predecessor resigned.

He hasn't let the grass grow under his feet since then.

He said: "No less than 25 representative players were snapped up by other Youth League clubs.

"We had to almost replace teams and this has been reflected in our results.

"Everyone is trying hard. Indeed the U15 team would be extremely competitive if they were in B or C Groups."

Granville has put together an amazingly detailed programme to lift them out of the mire.

By next month, current Youth League and this year's crop of leading club players will start trialling for positions in the 1986 teams.

In Group C, two of the longest-serving association rivals in Bankstown and Canterbury battled it out at Bankstown Memorial Oval.

Scores were close at 2-0, 2-1, 2-1 and 0-2 over the grades from U13 upwards, with Bankstown on top.

New Canterbury convenor Paul Bray said: "In the first round they were the better side but we won. This time it was the reverse."

In U13, Canterbury full-back and skipper Matthew Enderby and goalkeeper Adam Goldsmith were amongst the players who were in top form.

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GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Blacktown City v Apia	1-1	0-4	0-0	2-4
Granville v St George	2-2	0-4	0-10	0-1
Sutherland v Canterbury-M'ville	2-2	0-0	1-2	1-2
Sydney Olympic v Nepean	4-1	3-0	1-0	2-0
Illawarra v Marconi	0-2	1-0	3-1	0-3

GROUP B

Nth Bankstown v Central Coast	0-0	0-0	8-1	4-1
Ku-ring-gai v Baulkham Hills	1-1	0-1	0-5	1-0
Melita v Croatia	3-1	5-1	3-1	1-1
Gladesville v Southern Dists	0-2	2-1	3-4	0-1
Avala v Manly	2-1	2-0	2-0	1-2

GROUP C

Sydney Yugal v Rockdale	0-8	0-3	3-0	1-5
Sydney City v Macarthur	6-0	2-2	1-1	2-0
Bankstown v Canterbury	2-0	2-0	2-1	0-2
Bathurst '75 v Blacktown	0-5	1-2	0-7	2-0

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U11	U12
Canterbury v Bankstown	0-1	3-2
Gladesville v Illawarra	1-0	0-2
Blacktown v Central Coast	1-2	1-0
Macarthur v Nepean	0-1	—
St George	—	2-4
Sutherland v Ku-ring-gai	—	2-0

UNDER 13

GROUP A: Marconi 21, Olympic 16, Blacktown City 14, Illawarra 12, Nepean 10, Apia 9, Canterbury-M'ville 9, St George 8, Sutherland 5, Granville 4.

GROUP B: Southern Dists 17, Nth Bankstown 14, Gladesville 13, Melita 12, Ku-ring-gai 12, Avala 12, Baulkham Hills 10, Central Coast 10, Manly 3, Croatia 3.

GROUP C: Sydney City 20, Blacktown 20, Macarthur 16, Bankstown 14, Campbelltown 14, Canterbury 11, Rockdale 11, Bathurst 6, Yugal 2.

UNDER 14

GROUP A: Olympic 22, St George 19, Apia 16, Marconi 12, Nepean 8, Canterbury-M'ville 8, Sutherland 7, Illawarra 7, Blacktown City 5, Granville 4.

GROUP B: Melita 17, Nth Bankstown 15, Gladesville 14, Central Coast 13, Avala 13, Baulkham Hills 12, Ku-ring-gai 8, Manly 5, Croatia 4, Southern Dists 2.

GROUP C: Rockdale 22, Macarthur 17, Bankstown 17, Yugal 13, Blacktown 12, Sydney City 11, Canterbury 9, Campbelltown 7, Bathurst 6.

UNDER 15

GROUP A: Olympic 18, Illawarra 16, St George 14, Apia 12, Nepean 12, Blacktown City 12, Marconi 10, Sutherland 7, Canterbury-M'ville 7, Granville 0.

GROUP B: Melita 17, Nth Bankstown 16, Southern Dists 13, Gladesville 13, Avala 12, Manly 10, Central Coast 8, Baulkham Hills 7, Croatia 7, Ku-ring-gai 3.

GROUP C: Macarthur 21, Blacktown 20, Sydney City 18, Bankstown 14, Campbelltown 13, Canterbury 12, Bathurst 6, Yugal 5, Rockdale 5.

UNDER 16

GROUP A: Apia 17, Marconi 16, Nepean 15, St George 14, Olympic 13, Canterbury-M'ville 13, Blacktown City 11, Illawarra 5, Granville 2, Sutherland 2.

GROUP B: Melita 18, Avala 16, Ku-ring-gai 14, Melita 12, Southern Dists 11, Gladesville 11, Croatia 9, Central Coast 8, Nth Bankstown 7, Baulkham Hills 0.

GROUP C: Sydney City 20, Canterbury 18, Bathurst 18, Rockdale 14, Blacktown 11, Bankstown 10; Macarthur 8, Campbelltown 8, Yugal 7.</p

# ITALY INVITED TO TOUR AUSTRALIA

THE Australian Women's Soccer Association has invited the Italian Women's Football Association to send its national team to Australia in late September or early October.

While in China last October, the Italians hinted they would love to tour Australia at the earliest opportunity.

Despite Italy being the most professional and classiest outfit in the tournament staged in Xian City, they failed to reach the final.

The United States met Australia in the final, with the American girls running out winners.

At this stage, it is not yet known whether the proposed tour date will suit Italy, but every effort will be made to meet any alternative requirements.

New Zealand, historically Australia's favourite foe, will not be available to come at

the same time. The men's World Cup qualifying matches, to be played during September and October, prevents the women's team from travelling.

In Sydney recently, the FIFA Level 4 coaching course was conducted by Northern Ireland's Billy Bingham and the German academy director, Heinz Marotzke. Mr Chang Tsu-Pin, coach of Taiwan's national women's team was, also in attendance.

Taiwan came second in the last WWIFT and are keen to travel to Australia next February.

This coincides with the height of the women's season in Taiwan.

Due to government policy and funding by the Republic of China, there would never be a problem to get a side to either Sydney or Melbourne.

The Taiwanese visitors in Sydney for the FIFA coaching advised the AWSA that there would be no trouble in arranging billets in either Australian city.

## NORTH HARBOUR NSW CHAMPIONS

NORTH HARBOUR 'A' took out the NSW Championship when they defeated St George 2-1 in the final after 10 teams fought for the title at Albury-Wodonga.

North Harbour 'A', despite being severely handicapped by the absence of two of their five international players (Kristen Theile and Vicki Salmons), were able to put together a string of victories that enabled them to tie up a spot in the final.

The NSW champions, coached by Kilnarney Heights coach Tom Petrov, scored successive wins of 1-0 over South Coast, 5-1

over Blacktown 7-0 over Albury and 6-0 over Holroyd 'B'.

Kristen Theile has shifted from Sydney to the Snowy area, whilst Vicki Salmons, recovery from major surgery to her knee, assisted Petrov with the coaching.

Janine Aitken, 21, did a wonderful job as goalkeeper, considering she is a field player and filling in for Salmons till she is fit

### Albury ecstatic

ALBURY-WODONGA Women's Soccer Association secretary Mrs Terri Cotterill was delighted with the standard of football at the NSW state titles recently.

This was tinged with a little regret due to the less-than-expected crowds.

Referees' secretary Mrs Pat Muellner commented that from the referees' viewpoint "the girls produced magnificent and incident-free games."

NSW state president Ron Coughey and secretary Therese Dillon both heaped congratulations on the host association.

— FRANK FINLAY

again.

The side's other

three internationals, Julie Dolan, Margaret Petrov and Mandi Langlaar, all proved a tower of strength for North Harbour 'A'.

St George, coached by NSW coach Alan Lytton, was favourites for the final, as were Gladesville, the other semi qualifier from Group A, but it was not to be their day.

North's right striker Janine Riddington, scored both goals for the champions, whilst Dolan and Petrov proved most industrious in the midfield.

The final placings were: 1. North Harbour 'A'. 2. St George. 3. (equal). Gladesville-Hornsby and South Coast. 5. Blacktown. 6. Holroyd 'A'. 7. Albury-Wodonga. 8. North Harbour 'B'. 9. Holroyd 'B'. 10. Grange.



NORTH'S centre-back and current international Mandi Langlaar moves in to block Janine Riddington at a recent training session. Both girls inspired North Harbour 'A' to win the final in the NSW Championship.

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CHRIS JAMES supervising dribbling training with the top schoolboy players in Vanuatu.

## COACHING TRIP HELPS VANUATU

DURING the May school holidays, Australian Schools coach Chris James spent the coaching experience of a lifetime in the Pacific Island of Vanuatu.

The assignment came as a result of sponsorship between the Newcastle Workers club and the BESA club of Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu.

The job entailed coaching teachers and senior and junior players, and organising sessions for the club coaches.

The visit coincided with the national schools championships and consequently a lot of time was spent with the teachers and players.

The games regularly attracted 2,000 people and were broadcast

live from the ground by Radio Vanuatu.

The standard was remarkably high with some school players displaying remarkable individual technique (with or without boots!).

Sessions were held with local youngsters and these regularly attracted 60-70 boys.

Time was also spent with senior clubs and a video night of coaching and World Cup films drew a crowd of over 120.

It is hoped next year that a similar trip can occur to continue to develop the tremendous enthusiasm for soccer in Vanuatu.



PORT VILA youngsters line up for the camera with Chris James after a coaching session.

## APIA AIDS PNG

THE gesture of Apia Leichhardt club in donating a set of shirts to a soccer club in faraway Port Moresby has been greatly appreciated in Papua New Guinea.

The recipient is the Tarangau Soccer Club, which consists mostly of officers from the Bomana Jail.

The club has a most impressive record in PNG football and has been provincial and national champions.

Contact was made by Tarangau coach David Kambe with Sydney official and former referee Brian Thompson.

Kambe was in Sydney for a short study course.

Tarangau wear the same colours as Apia Leichhardt, whose secret-

ary Archie Blue was quick to donate a used strip.

This will go to Tarangau's reserve grade team. It will be greatly appreciated.

Most clubs in PNG are extremely poor and the reserve team had no shirts at all.

Blue indicated that his club would be very keen to trial any talented Tarangau players, especially if they were of the standard of Canberra City striker Manis Lamond.

— KEITH GILMOUR

# BARCELONA HAVE STAR PROBLEM



STEVE ARCHIBALD: 'no plans to return.'

## DRY TIME

GUESS who has been appointed manager of Kuwait's World Cup squad?

None other than the flamboyant Malcolm Allison, who has coached teams all over the world, usually with success and almost always with controversy.

Big Mal, though, faces a completely new problem in Kuwait.

The nation is "dry" ... alcoholic drinks are definitely a no-no.

Allison, of course, is a great imbiber of the very best grog — having a particular liking for the most expensive champagne he can get.

He might get very thirsty in Kuwait!

## BEANS ON MENU

THE Camino Royal hotel in Mexico City

is one of the super-plush places in Central America, so there was amusement there when England's footballers booked in — complete with UK food.

The hotel is used to dealing with gastronomic requests from many world travellers, in particular visitors from the USA. But England arrived

complete with tins of baked beans, chocolate and even tea. "We will make sure the players get their beans on toast, and also their egg and chips," assured a member of the hotel staff.



PREBEN ELKJAER (right) of Denmark beats USSR goalkeeper Dassajev in a recent World Cup match played in Copenhagen.

BARCELONA could soon have a player problem — with too many foreign stars on their books.

Although team coach Terry Venables inspired Barcelona's magnificent First Division title win, it appears he is getting interference from his directors when it comes to signing new players.

Only two non-Spaniards are allowed in the club. Last season Steve Archibald and

Berndt Schuster filled the spots.

Now, however, Barcelona have bought Paraguayan Vicente Amarilla for \$500,000 and the deal was not inspired by Venables.

Hugo Sanchez of Atletico Madrid is the subject of a \$2,000,000 Barcelona offer, which is bigger than Real Madrid's offer for Sanchez.

Will Archibald, a Scot, be forced out? Archibald com-

ments: "If Barcelona sign another foreign player, it will be up to the club president to decide who leaves. I'll wait and see what happens but I have no plans to return to Britain."

And what does Venables think about the signing of new players?

"I take a couple of days off and look what happens," he commented after the transfer of Amarilla.

## LITTLE ICELAND WORRIES GIANTS

ICELAND may be the "mug" team in World Cup elimination Group Seven, but they've given the heavyweights of Scotland and Spain a couple of frights recently.

In Reykjavic, Iceland were beaten 1-0 by Scotland, but the Scots only just scraped in through a magnificent goalkeeping display from Jim Leighton.

Iceland ran rings around their visitors but were beaten by a goal by Jim Bett against the run of the play.

Next, it was Spain's turn to sample the footballing delights of Reykjavic and, again,

Iceland almost caused an upset.

In fact, they were in front at half-time, thanks to a goal from Teitur Thordarson.

But Spain had a second half revival, getting the vital goals through Sarabia and Marcus Alonso.

There is an interesting situation now in Group Seven ... bearing in mind that the runners-up will meet Australia, New

Zealand or Israel.

Scotland, Wales and Spain all have six points from five games and, taking into account goal difference, that is the order in which the three teams are placed in the table.

Two matches have to be played — Wales v Scotland on September 10 and Spain v Iceland on September 25.

For the vital Wales v Scotland battle, the Scots' skipper Graeme Souness will be missing. Souness is suspended after getting a yellow card against Iceland.

SPORTING LISBON are the toughest club in Europe to manage, according to Welshman John Toshack, who expects the sack any day.

Sporting lost only one match last season but nothing less than the championship is demanded by the club directors.

As Toshack says: "Sporting have got through 15 team bosses in 14 years."

He does not expect his three-year contract to save him when the axe falls.

Yet Toshack is taking it all in his stride, saying: "It has been a terrific experience.

"They're football daft in Portugal. I watched a game of beach soccer at Estoril recently and the players were all in their 60s.

"When Sporting played Benfica at Under 13 level, 4,000 spectators paid to watch. There were twice as many at another match for 17-year-old boys.



JOHN TOSHACK: 'experience'.

## THUMBS DOWN FROM MEXICO

MEXICO CITY football fans gave the cold shoulder to the friendly international matches involving England, Italy, West Germany and Mexico.

Match attendances were dreadful and would hardly cover the cost of staging the series.

After suffering defeat from Italy and Mexico, England finally came good by beating West Germany 3-0, with goals from Bryan Robson and Terry Dixon (two).

Dixon's goals will please team manager Bobby Robson because the Chelsea forward was having his first full international match.

## DEYNA'S TIP FOR CITY

POLISH international Kaz Deyna did not exactly make a big impression when he played in England for Manchester City, but Deyna has no hard feelings towards the club that sacked him.

Deyna, now living in the USA, contacted City with a strong recommendation to sign a defender, Kevin Crow, from San Diego Sockers.

Crow is rated the best defender in the USA's Major Indoor League and, playing the indoor game, he's attracted the attention of several English clubs.

According to Deyna: "Crow could be every bit as good as Tommy Caton — if he gets his chance in England."

Manchester City did all right with Caton, who was transferred to Arsenal for more than a million dollars.



KAZ DEYNA: recommendation.

# UK Scene



## GATES TO GO

AFTER 13 years with the club, Eric Gates (pictured) is ready to leave Ipswich Town.

Although he was top goalscorer with 16 goals, Gates was not a great favourite of the fans last season. In fact, only 2,000 turned up for his testimonial match — and that was an insult to a great player.

Gates is on holiday in the north-east of England and would like to stay there permanently.

Newcastle United are anxious to sign him and Gates says Newcastle would be his first choice if he is to join a new club.

Last season, Everton tried to buy Gates but Ipswich would not sell.

Gates has the best contract of all the Ipswich players which is why he does not want to cause any ripples.



PHIL NEAL, Liverpool's captain, is ready to quit football.

Neal, who has won more medals than any player in soccer history, was hoping to be appointed Liverpool manager in succession to Joe Fagan.

Instead, Kenny Dalglish got the plum job and Neal was not happy about it after he'd given the Merseyside club 11 loyal years.

## EVERTON'S BLUE FANS

EVERTON fans are signing a petition for the team to stick with its age-old traditional jerseys of blue with white trimmings.

The new gear from Le Coq Sportif features a blue and white jersey and the fans don't like it at all.

Many famous playing strips are changed every year or so by top manufacturers who make a fortune from selling gear to youngsters. That is the only reason for the many changes.

PHIL NEAL

# SUNDERLAND BID BIG FOR LAWRIE

SUNDERLAND, the team accused of being miserably mean in the way they spend money, want to appoint Lawrie McMenemy as their new manager.

Chairman Tom Cowie, who is in the motor car business, said: "We would make Lawrie a godfather offer because, if he is available, Sunderland would have to go for him."

McMenemy comes from the area, as anyone who has heard his rich County Durham accent would realise.

But when he resigned as Southampton boss, he indicated he was in no hurry to jump straight back into the managerial rat-race.

Sunderland tried to get McMenemy seven years ago and they've tried regularly ever since. But as Cowie said: "We thought he was glued to Southampton for the rest of his days."

If McMenemy doesn't move in at Sunderland, Arthur Cox of Derby County is a possible new team boss there.



LAWRIE MC MENEMY

## DALGLISH MAY SIGN NICHOLAS

NEW Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish's first major move into the transfer market could take Arsenal's Charlie Nicholas to Anfield.

Dalglish and Nicholas are old pals and team-mates in Scotland's international squad.

They are regularly in contact.

Nicholas's up-and-down form with Arsenal and his much-publicised life off the field inspired stories that he would leave London.

Liverpool tried to buy him from Celtic two years ago but Arsenal outbid them in a deal worth \$1,500,000.

If Arsenal will sell now at around the same figure, Dalglish will be happy to invest Liverpool cash in "Champagne Charlie".

But there will be one stipulation — Nicholas will have to get rid of the hangers-on who did nothing to help him settle into normal Arsenal routine in the past two years.

When quizzed about Nicholas' disappointing form, Dalglish was quick to point out: "If Charlie wasn't such a great player, people wouldn't notice when he plays badly."



CHARLIE NICHOLAS

## LUTON WILL SELL

LUTON TOWN get the smallest crowds in the First Division and that's why they are ready to sell some players to bring in much-needed revenue.

Possible departures include goalkeeper Les Sealey and English international forwards Brian Stein and Ricky Hill.

Sealey's job will be easily filled by Andy Dibble, the 20-year-old who cost \$300,000 from Cardiff City.

"Sealey has done well but Dibble is exceptional," said team boss David Pleat.



RICKY HILL

## WILL CANON FIRE THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE?

VIOLENCE in football might cause the Football League sponsors Canon, the Japanese electronic giants, to get out of the sport.

Canon has one year to go on a two-year sponsorship worth \$6,000,000.

Talks will start soon between the League and the company, with the huge figure of \$10,000,000 the League's target.

Martin Walter, a spokesman for Canon, however, issued a warning that all is not well when he said: "It's a worry. If this violence continues, anyone with a modicum of sense would realise we have to resolve it — or get out."

"We are looking to negotiate a further term as sponsor. But it is a tricky situation."

On the club front, there are similar worries about sponsors getting out of the game.

First Division champions Everton concluded a deal with NEC worth \$500,000 but, now Everton cannot play in Europe, the arrangement has lost some of its attraction for NEC.

Everton's commercial manager Ralph Williams insists: "Our new sponsorship does not hinge on European qualification or competition. It was signed and sealed before

Everton qualified for the European Cup."

## SPURS PAIR ON MOVE

TWO of the Tottenham players who were in the recent Australian international series are likely to be on the move from Spurs during the next few weeks.

They are midfielders Gary Mabbutt and Mike Hazard.

Newly-promoted Oxford are ready to bid for the pair.